(b) what is the per day distribution of cooking gas cylinders in the State; and

(c) how the surplus refilled cylinders, if any, are being utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The LPG bottling capacity available n Uttar Pradesh is nearly 38,000 refills per day, which adequately meets the refill distribution requirements in the state.

Supply of electricity in the States

506. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the statewise average of demand and supply position of electricity in the country from January 1987 till January 1988;

(b) what has been the statewise position of power break-down in the country during the summer months of 1988 and what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) & (b) The requisite information is given in Appexure I [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 25] and II [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 26].

(c) Steps taken by the Government include expending commissioning of new capacity; optimum utilisation of existing capacity; implementing short gestation projects; reducing transmission and distribution losses; implementation of energy conservation and improved demand management measures ;arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas; continued analysis of Power system disturbances and taking of corrective measures to minimise recurrences in future.

Inflated telephone bills

507. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received with regard to inflated telephone bills from subscribers circle/statewise during the period from January, 1987 to June, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the officers of the Telecom Department were found to be involved in the racket; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). The information has been called for from filed units and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Digital telephone exchange in UP

508. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of cities in Uttar Pradesh where digital electronic exchanges have been installed or are proposed to be installed in the near future and the estimated cost of cash of such exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 27].

Funds for new power project in Orissa

509. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to provide adequate funds for new power projects in the States;

(b) if So, what is the total allocation made to the State during the last three years;